

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents, Special Education Directors, Business Administrators, Charter School Directors, and Utah School for the Deaf and the Blind

FROM: Nan Gray, State Director, Special Education
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DATE: September 19, 2008

SUBJECT: LEA Application and Distribution Amounts for FY 2009 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004.
1) I.D.E.A., Part B (Sec.611) - Special Education Formula Flow Through,
2) I.D.E.A., Part B (Sec.619) - Preschool Special Education Formula Flow Through

Applications are due October 24, 2008.

The Federal Notification of Funds for the above has arrived. The FY09 LEA Application is in the MS Excel 2003 Program and available on the Special Education Homepage along with the LEA fund distribution charts and FY09 Indirect Cost Rates. LEA Applications are due October 24, 2008. Separate awards will be provided for each of the two funding categories listed above. Districts will receive award documents when the following conditions have been met:

1. Fully funded Federal Grant Award Documents are received by USOE.
2. LEA Application is received and determined to be approvable.
3. UIPS process is current. (if applicable)

For FY2009, districts may complete one of the following application formats.

1. *Local Education Agency Application format for FY2009 (same format as last year).* The LEA Application and Distribution Charts are now available on the Special Education homepage, www.school.utah.gov, under "Programs" select "Special Education – Data - Fiscal Forms". If you are unable to access and print out the forms, please call Sandy Cox at 801-538-7569, or Cal Newbold at 538-7724.
2. *The New Consolidated Application format for FY2009 will be available soon on the USOE homepage, www.schools.utah.gov under "No Child Left Behind". If you choose to send in your LEA application with the District Consolidated Application, **you must still make sure the assurances and certifications and budget page are all completed and signed.** (These should all be included in the consolidated plan application.) ** Please Notify Sandy or Cal if you submit your LEA Application in this format.*

NOTE: The FY09 final distribution to LEAs will be provided as federal grant award documents arrive at USOE indicating full funding. If an adjustment on your district's budget plan is needed, it can be easily accomplished on your first reimbursement request.

I.D.E.A., Part B, (Sec. 611) - Special Education Formula Flow Through Funds

USOE received a partial award in July 2008. The fully funded federal grant award is expected approximately October 2008. When Part B, (Sec.611) is fully funded, district awards will be based on the final distribution amounts.

A minimum amount of formula flow through is directed by OSEP. The distribution is calculated the same way in which it was distributed last year, by federal regulations. Please check our website for the correct amounts.

There are three distribution factors:

1. A **BASE** amount based on 75% of FY1999's federal grant for minimum flow through required by Federal I.D.E.A. Statute;
2. **POPULATION**, October 2007 Enrollment of Public and Private Schools; and
3. **POVERTY** based on October 2007 Free and Reduced School Lunch data.

I.D.E.A., Part B (Sec. 619) - Preschool Special Education Formula Flow Through Funds

The Federal Preschool Special Education Grant Award remained at approximately the same funding level as last year. A minimum amount of flow through is directed by OSEP. The formula portion was distributed to districts based on the minimum amount as directed by Federal regulations. Check for correct amounts per district or Charter School on the tables on the USOE special education web site.

Comments

Charter Schools: Under the Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-470, all funding shall be paid by USOE directly to each charter school. Charter schools are to use the identical application process as school districts to secure their I.D.E.A. funds.

Flow through Amounts: We were able again this year to flow out to LEA's more than the minimum amount of our grant as determined by federal regulations.

New Assurance: An additional assurance has been included in the IDEA 04 2008 LEA application. You must indicate on the assurance page whether you will opt in or opt out of the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard for the purpose of providing instructional materials to blind or other persons with print disabilities in a timely manner. Please read this assurance carefully and mark appropriately

If you should have any questions, please call Cal Newbold at 801-538-7724. For financial questions and help with your LEA Application, you may call Sandy Cox, Budget and Accounting Officer for Special Education at 801-538-7569. Our fax number is 801-538-7991.